

June 251

Decius was killed in battle
against the Goths at ABRITTUS in
MOESIA.

251

On the death of Decius, the defeated Roman Army chose Gaius Vibius Tiberianus Gallus.

He was a senator, had served as consul and as governor of Upper Moesia from 250.

He adopted Decius's surviving younger son Gaius Valens Hostilianus Messius Quintus, whom Decius had left at Rome.

Hostilinus was proclaimed joint
emperor with Gallus, while Gallus's
son Gaius Vibius Volusianus was
given the rank of Caesar.

AD251

St cyprian ordered the names of
Christian Confessors to be recorded so that
their anniversaries could be kept with
those of the martyrs.

251

HOSTILIANUS

after Decius
before Gallus

251-356

St Anthony
achieved a real sanctity through
fasting and prayer.

June 251

Tribonianus Gallus Accessum

His wife was A finia Comena

Baebiana

Children: Son Gallus Vibius
Volusionus and a daughter
Vibia Galla.

It was a troubled reign of Gallus, beset by Goths, the Persians, and the plague. Eager to make his appearance at Rome, Gallus made peace with the Goths, allowing them to retain the booty and Roman captives, and agreeing to pay them an annual tribute. He returned to Rome, where he found the city in the grip of the plague. One of the early consuls was his adopted son HOSTILIANS, who

died around July 251. In his place, Gallus raised his own son VOLUSIANUS to the rank of emperor.

Gallus won the affections of the people of Rome by taking steps to ensure proper burial for even the poorest victims of the plague. But this disaster was coupled with serious setbacks on both the northern and eastern frontiers,

251-253

DURANT

Gallus emperor

251

DURANT

Cornelius, Bishop of Rome

251

DURANT

Rome

By Easter the persecution was
practically at an end.

251 → 253 reigned

born? - died 253?

GALLUS - Was elected emperor
by Senate and soldiers

AD 251

Smallpox epidemic

251 AD

Novatian, an antipope was
condemned at Rome

251AD - 253AD

Galus Emperor

251

Decius killed in great defeat
at FORUM TREBONII.

Peace made with Goths
by the new emperor Gallus.